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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please consider this paper in response to the Communication dated December 4, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification. There are no amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 8 with the attached replacement drawing sheet.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) A mop cover for a mopping device, comprising:
a first backing textile having longitudinal edges and transversal edges and having a mopping side, which is active in cleaning, and a top side, which is used to attach the mop cover to a mop holder of a mopping device, wherein attachment means for the a mop holder are provided on the top side of the first backing textile;
and a second backing textile abutting laterally next to the first backing textile laterally at one of the longitudinal edges of the first backing textile, said second backing textile having a a mopping side and a top side free of attachment means for a mop holder.

15. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein a further active layer forming a third mopping side is positioned on the top side of the second backing textile.

16. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the two mopping sides of the first and second backing textiles are hydraulically separated by a liquid-impermeable separating section.

17. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 16, wherein the separating section is a separating strip between the first and second backing textiles.

18. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 16, wherein the separating section is of the same material as the first and second backing textiles and is unitarily formed therewith.

19. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 16, wherein the separating section is a separate part, but connected to the first and second backing textiles and is from a different material than the material of the first and second backing textiles.
20. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 19, wherein the separating section is made from a net-like material.
21. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 15, wherein a separating section is provided as a liquid-impermeable separating layer between the further active layer and the second backing textile.
22. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 16, wherein the separating section comprises an abrasive material.
23. (Canceled).
24. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the first and second backing textiles are knitted fabric.
25. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 24, wherein the edges of the knitted fabric are not hemmed.
26. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the edges of the first and second backing textiles comprise trimming.
27. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 26, wherein the trimming is a loop-forming material.
28. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the first and second backing textiles are microfiber.
29. (Currently amended) Mop A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the first and second backing textiles are polyester.

30. (Currently amended) ~~Mop~~ A mop cover according to claim 14, further comprising at least one gliding assistance strip located on the mopping side of either the first backing textile or the second backing textile.
31. (Currently amended) ~~Mop~~ A mop cover according to claim 30, wherein the gliding assistance strip is polyester felt.
32. (Currently amended) ~~Mop~~ A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the first and second backing textiles are separate parts fixedly connected.
33. (Currently amended) ~~Mop~~ A mop cover according to claim 14, wherein the first and second backing textiles comprise a unitary enlarged backing textile.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Communication mailed December 4, 2007. Applicants propose the attached amendments to the claims and drawings.

Regarding the questions on claim 14, Applicant propose to replace “abutting” with “laterally next to” and have replaced “the mop holder” with “a mop holder”. Regarding claims 16-22 and the “separating section”, Applicants do not believe that this is problematic in light of the proposed amendment to claim 14. Applicants are also submitting a replacement drawing sheet with the suggested changes to Figure 8.

Summary

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' primary attorney-of-record, Anneliese S. Mayer, at (651) 795-5661, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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